



# A LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL

## Abstract

The purpose of growth is to increase your light, spark, and illumination within your body. Mankind's propensity to complicate things hinders your light's ability to shine. People push things out of reach due to their strange influence, which can lead to holding back and holding on to what is no longer pleasing to them.

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*The question that was presented at this time was, 'who are we?' We are many, of course. This also sounds like the story of Legion, which is woefully incorrect. Legion was many who followed a single thought. As this thought traveled through time, that thought did not have the opportunity to grow, to expand. It did not decay. All things must decay. If something should not decay, it cannot grow.*

The story of Legion, most likely being referred to, is told in the Gospel of Mark. There was a man who is said to have been possessed by evil or an unclean spirit. They say this because the man was always crying aloud and cutting himself. By today's standards, this person was mentally disturbed. When he saw Jesus, he ran to him, demanding, 'what have I to do with you Jesus? I adjure thee by God, that you do not torment me. We can assume from this, that others tormented him. We can also assume that news of Jesus' works, or so called miracles, were heard by many. Before we go any further, we should remind you that the Gospels of Mathew, Mark, and Luke are a collection of interviews gathered together and edited so that the stories make sense. We can safely assume this because historically, little has changed in the way mankind thinks. Our teacher tells us Legion was many who followed a single thought. If we were to consider this along with the telling of the story of Legion, we have a single person with many immature souls within him, and we the swine, which could also be men. If we refer to the Gnostic Gospel of Thomas, we will find a teaching of Jesus saying, do not through the pearls to swine, lest they grind it to bits, referring to that which is Holy. He also speaks of not giving that which is holy to dogs. Again, back to Luke and Mathew, a woman came to Jesus for help, and he said, it is not good to take the children's bread and give it to dogs. To which the woman replied, true, yet the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table. The woman was a Gentile, and it was she, and the Gentiles he was referring to. What's to say the swine were nothing more than a reference to those who were not Jewish, or even lower than the Gentiles? There were many who laid claim to the title of Messiah, and Jesus was considered low class by the Jewish community. Now we are left with the version of Legion in Luke and Mathew, and the version of Legion by the one channeling through.

A thought that did not grow. This could easily suggest what is called Fundamentalism, the belief in a literal interpretation of religious doctrine. This fulfills the idea of a thought or

belief that did not have the opportunity to grow. Decay is the breakdown or deterioration of something. Decay is also necessary for new growth. This is evident in nature. A fundamentalist approach to any belief denies the teaching the opportunity to be dismantled, examined, and reassembled for the purpose of improving.

There is also another way to interpret the idea of *we are many*, and the comparison to Legion. The soul may be implying that they are only versed in the teachings of their time, and that they know of no other. There is also the possibility that they are only familiar with the manner in which they taught when they walked the earth.

*The purpose of growth is that your light, your spark might increase; because while you are here, that spark is within, entombed in your body. It's illumination. It is as Christ has written. A light under a bushel. You are all sparks of light, and that light is under a bushel. You are that bushel. As you begin to shed those things, those thoughts, those emotions, those complications, because mankind has a propensity, a desire to complicate this [your light cannot shine].*

The spark is clearly a reference to the soul, which is a common description. The purpose of growth is for our soul's growth. While we are alive in this realm, the soul is within us, as it is suggested in Genesis, when God breathed into Adam, making him a living soul, and as we grow, our soul or spark's brilliance increases. In the Gospels of Mark, Luke, Matthew, and Thomas, Jesus speaks of a light being placed under a bushel, or rather no one lights a candle and puts it under a bushel. He is referring to the light within. Teach from the housetops that which you hear in your ear. The teachings you hear from those souls whispering in your ear should be shared, not hidden. You are the bushel that hides you from yourself and from others. We are the bushel the spark or the soul has been placed. In our growth, we shed those desires, those thoughts, those emotions, and all that complicates things, for we have a habit of taking something simple and complicating it.

*They push things out of reach. The reason they push them out of reach is not because they are fearful of what it is. They push it out of reach because the influence it has upon them is strange. Do you like that which is strange to you? I think not, and because it is strange, we have the habit of holding back, and because you hold back, you hold on.*

They are we, are ourselves. We push what we desire most out of our reach because we complicate matters. How often do we desire what we do not understand, or desire without consideration of what could happen if we were to obtain it? Often indeed, and when it happens, we do not understand and flee.

*The only way for you to accommodate the strangeness that is about you is to accept it. Progress is a strange thing. It is a strange path. It is a strange event. You can only travel it one time. Only one time, because when we travel from this life to the next life you do not bring what was in the first life with you to the second life. No, the only thing you bring is that which you have learned, that which has grown within you. For as you progress, that which is no longer serviceable falls away, like dust in the desert.*

Human nature suggests that we avoid all that is strange in preference for what is routine, or normal. We have forgotten that every day is different from the previous day, despite our following the same routine, because it is the routine that reinforces the normal day. If we were to observe nature, we would discover that what is strange is only unusual for a moment and quickly becomes part of the landscape. This is the demonstration of progress, it begins as something strange and unusual, and quickly becomes part of the routine.

The path we travel can only be taken one time. For those who subscribe to reincarnation, the path can only be travelled one time. With each life a different path is travelled. The only thing that is brought from the previous life is what has been experienced, and that is the same as when you enter the soul realm, you bring only your experiences with you.

*Now then, are there any questions? I see. I have a question for you. Actually, I have a question for this one here. (The person sitting next to the podium was indicated.) Why are you here?*

Am I supposed to respond?

*A question requires a response. You always question, why do you come here?*

I like to learn.

*What do you want to learn?*

Why am I here?

*Why are you here? You ask the same question all of them ask. Why am I here? Why is anything here? What do you see in nature? What do you see out there? Why are the flowers here? Why are these flowers here? This one purchases them to assist you, so that you may feel better. So that you might feel good within. Some of you step through those doors there with questions in your minds, feelings that you are unsure [of]. These flowers are to brighten your light. You are here to brighten your light, because as your light brightens, the less there is to shroud it.*

We are here, in this life, in this world as part of our soul's progression. We are here so that our soul may become bright. As we turn towards spirituality, or even Spiritualism, we become a different nature, our form begins to change. As it changes the soul sheds those dense particles or aspects and our form becomes lighter.<sup>1</sup> We are here so that we may rise towards what is often referred to as the Divine Light, also known as heaven, which is an incorrect response because heaven is another term for harmony. Harmony is a resonance of frequencies. Within ourselves are many systems that must harmonize for the body to exist. When they become discordant, the body decays. The same is true of our wellbeing. There are fields generated through our emotions, thoughts, and sense of being. When they fields resonant harmoniously, we feel lighter, we feel better. When these fields are in discordance, we feel heavy, we feel depressed, and ill. As our frequencies resonate so does the environment around us. Thus, it is wise to be mindful of our environment, for when we are in harmony with our environment, so are those who are about us. When we are in discordance, those around us may wish to depart for the same reason as you wish not to be in discordance with yourself. When you ask, why are you here, it is not for a singular purpose, but to improve the symphony, to add your frequency to those about you. You bring them joy in the same way as they bring you joy.

*What is your question? (Indicating another.)*

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<sup>1</sup> (Longley, 1908)

How may I remember more?

*Remember what?*

Remember what it was like before entering this incarnation?

*Why would you want to know?*

So, I can learn.

*What can you learn from then that you cannot learn now? Are you not in a bushel? Were you not in a bushel before?*

No, when I was light.

*No, when you were light, but you are light now. When you go into a house, and then you go into another house, are they different?*

Maybe physically, but they are all shelters.

*They are all shelters. Your bushel is a shelter for your spark. All of your life, your bushel was a shelter. In your previous life you were sheltered by a bushel. In your previous [previous to that] life, you were sheltered by a bushel.*

We need not bother to recall a different life, because all that occurred in the previous life will be experienced in the present life, have you not noticed that all that have experienced has not been singular. Each experience you will have will be similar to an experience you have had already, if not in near exact conditions. The only thing that has changed from the previous life and this life is the bushel you are in. The bushel is the body, and the body shelters the soul, hence, the light under a bushel.

*What is your question? You are fearful of yourself. We are all fearful of ourselves. It is good to be fearful of yourself. Do you know why it is good to be fearful of yourself?*

No.

*Because you will not harm another knowingly. There are many who are not fearful of themselves, and they wade through this ocean, creating havoc, and in their havoc they leave all*

*of this for others to deal with, because they have no sense of self. They do not know they are a bushel. Because they are polishing the inside of their bushel. Do you know what happens when you polish the inside of a bushel?*

You can't see out.

*Incorrect. The light is reflected back. Too many of you spend time polishing your bushels, when you should be spending more time lifting it up. Only when you lift the bushel up do you know what it is that is there.*

There is only one thing about ourselves we should be fearful of, and that is the power we wield. If we are fearful of the power we wield, we will be mindful of wielding it upon those around us. Power is the ability to influence, which is different from energy. Energy is the source of power. Power is what you do with energy. Those who are not fearful of what they do with their power often seek to possess more power, and in their desire bring harm to others. While others may profit or grow from your misuse of power, you will weaken and decay because of it. Those who are mindful of how they use their power will learn from it and grow, just as the others may grow from their beneficial use of power.